



Renaissance, 22km

The route starts and finishes in the village of Pärup. The road alternates between both surfaced and unsurfaced. The landscape goes from being gently hilly, rich in cultural heritage with dry stone walls, rock piles, fossils, ancient farmsteads and lanes to being open with wide, cultivated fields. We see a varied, well taken-care-of landscape with grazing animals. Farming is vital for maintaining the countryside's beauty. Just outside of the route is Pias Dekor (www.piasdekor.se) in Oderup and the organic farm Den Gamles Gärd (www.dengamlesgard.se) in Sniberup. Both welcome visitors.

1 Pärup. Up until the 1960's in Pärup there was a mill, a dairy serving more than 100 farms and a village shop amongst other things. Dairyman Andersson and Mariana Johansson (b. 1881) wanted to get married. The girl's father, Per Johansson, did not give his blessing to the engagement of his daughter. She became pregnant nevertheless, gave birth to twins, killed them and hid the bodies in a wardrobe. When Mariana fell ill, the doctor was called and the crime was uncovered. She was punished but later lived together with a new man with whom she had a daughter. The village hall in Pärup from 1937 was set up at the initiative of local youngsters.

2 Limewood Sauna or Flax Cabin? Ruins. Close to every village there was a flax cabin where the farmers and workers from the surroundings helped to prepare flax. In a limewood sauna the bark from the lime tree was heated so that the fibres could be loosened up before being woven into rope.

3 Sniberup Nature Reserve. Original landscape, pasture with juniper bushes and rare pastoral flora, representative of much of the countryside in Hotspot Kölleröd. Managed by the county council. More information can be found on site.

4 Östra Sallerup. A village centred around a church with clear links to four time periods. The bronze age grave at Klacks backe, the pretty church from the 12th Century, the park from the 17th Century and today's TV mast. At the arts centre (Kulturhuset) – for opening times visit www.osallerupskulturhus.se - there is a café, flea market and craft workshop. There are two exhibitions: one about the radio station and the other about the 17th Century park. The rectory park, designed using renaissance ideals, is a unique memorial from the turbulent times when Skåne was becoming Swedish (www.karlxistenar.se). Visit it on your own or call 0706 722598 for guided tours outside of the set times. The church was commissioned by Bishop Absalon in conjunction with the construction of Lund Cathedral. There were skilled craftsmen to be had in these parts.

5 Radio Station. Hörby's long-wave transmitter was one of Sweden's first. Today only the TV mast still stands as well as the functional 'funkis' buildings that have now taken on other uses.

6 Hallabacken. A meeting place and one of the area's many closed down dance pavilions. Hallabacken was in use until the mid 1960's. It played host to, amongst others, Floyd Patterson, the American boxing world champion.